

A Medicated Stump Speech.

T. M. Leake, chairman of the Stafford county committee, sends a few pointers about local political affairs, and vouches for the correctness of the following account from the *People's Paper* of M. H. Simpson's meeting in Stafford. This is one of the meetings that have been referred to so often by the other side as "a grand success." But it required the assistance of a street doctor and his band to get a crowd.

"As the curtains of evening dropped Monday night, the usual crowd assembled around the stand of the medicine man, to listen to the songs and hear the fun. The last shout of the agent, 'Gentleman here takes a box,' had not died away when the doctor announced that Mr. M. H. Simpson, of McPherson, would use the platform and deliver a lecture on the political issues of the day, after which the troupe would play the afterpiece. The band then came in and played a couple of selections, after which Mr. Simpson was introduced by Dr. Akers.

"He began very appropriately by thanking the doctor for the use of the platform, and for putting the people's stomachs in good condition before the speech. This remark was timely, indeed; for without the doctor and his medicine, the struggle of the strongest stomach would have been unable to retain the mess imposed upon it.

"When the 'taffy' came about the integrity and morals of politics and politicians, the undaunted bravery and invincible courage, the unflinching loyalty and incomparable enterprise of the people of Kansas, the audience began to grow pale around the eyes; but when the announcement came that Kansas was the Garden of Eden and we its blissful and undefiled tenants, the audience became so sick it shrieked. Great gobs of fragrant republicanism could be seen on the listeners, standing about the corners of the mouth vainly entreating admission. The taffy was so overflavored that not even the Golden Herb Cure could prevent it from acting as an emetic. Slight relief came with the assertion, which bore something more of truth, that the agriculture of the United States is in a depressed condition, although it is a difficult matter for ordinary minds to comprehend how the agriculture of the Garden of Eden could get into such a fix.

"By this time the shouts of the small boys and the buzz of conversation grew so strong in the crowd that the speaker concluded to wander off on the tariff. He then ran up and slapped the finance question, quickly retreated to the tariff and there pounded around for half an hour after the people had refused to listen. Small boys and some of larger trousers, eager for nigger fun, tried to cheer him down. After a continuation of this for some time he ran down; the doctor came out and assured the people that he would have had the afterpiece first if he had known how long the lecture would be. After a very laughable comedy by the doctor's troupe, the people dispersed. We presume to-morrow's *Capital* and *Hutchinson News* will contain an eloquent account of the 'large and enthusiastic rally at Stafford on Monday night.'"

From Illinois.

To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE.

Since reading your expose of the monopolists' manufactured news of the murder of John S. Frazier by alliance farmers, I consider it my duty to contribute a mite in further exposing the plot that must have been hatched by men viler than Satan.

You will see by the enclosed clipping,

and the paper that it is taken from, that it is printed from "boiler plate." This process is handler and cheaper than to set up the type by all the lickspittle news(?)papers for what is to be taken and read as news by telegraph and to keep it so, set up, for months. When I read the "sensational (?) arrests" news, I felt confident it was a monopoly lie, but did not discover the whole "nub" until the discovery of the date of the news and the day of "going to press," which is one and the same, viz: September 3, 1892. O, yes! The *Petersburg Democrat* can get "boiler-plate" from Chicago, over 180 miles away, on which news is cast sent from Topeka, Kas., and all on time for the paper to be scattered everywhere by the afternoon mails, and all on the same day. Quick, you say. Why, it beats all known conveyances—even time. It surely must be a monopoly tool manufactured flying lie. This beats the penny-a-line news (official) that was printed before the polls were closed on election day in Kansas last fall.

I have no doubt of that news (?) being sent all over the United States by means of "boiler-plate" "patent insides" ahead of time in order to cast a stigma upon the reform *People's party*, that will prove to be the master of greed and the emancipator of man. I know the "news" was discussed on the streets here.

To what depths of vice, villany and attempted vengeance can not the cultivated but corrupt man-brute stoop! I am led to be a firm believer in the teachings of the physiologist more firmly than ever that man not only breeds back (the exception) generations, but those tools of the greedy grovelers for greatness must have been bred back to generations of extinct man-eaters. Look over the wide path of destruction they have wrought within the last few years, and who can doubt that they are a more ravenous beast than the hyena. Is it not destruction of money and death; demonization and death; demoralization and death; defamation and death; depreciation of values and death; and driven to die or to steal; and not taking into account the innumerable crimes committed, "according to law," by the so-called constituted authorities?

Oh! are the poisons of viper and asp;
Are the corrosions of copper and brass;
The tarantula's juice and the scorpion's sting
Mixed up together a more deathful thing?

W. H. HANNA.

Petersburg, Ill., September 11, 1892.

[The clipping referred to in the above letter is the sensational arrest as reported in the *Kansas City Journal*, and it is dated at Topeka, September 3, 1892, and, as our correspondent says, is printed from "boiler plate" sent out from Chicago, 180 miles, and appears in the papers of the same day. This shows, as he suggests, that it was a conspiracy, and that the matter was prepared and sent out in advance, just as the *Vidette* exposes of 1888 was done.—EDITOR.]

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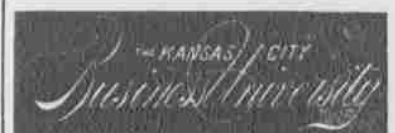
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